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1. 5 Division, under the command of Vassili Bollas (a native of Northern Epirus, from the town of Korçe), has its headquarters at Gjinokaster.
2. 7 and 31 Infantry Regiments are also stationed at Gjinokaster, while 18 Regiment is at Sarandë⁸.
3. 31 Infantry Regiment at Gjinokaster has recently been reinforced by a heavy battery composed of four 120 mm. guns.

5. A new heavy artillery regiment is being formed at Elbasan**.
6. Of the 3-ton military trucks which Russia has given to Albania, eight have been allotted to each battery. Similar Russian trucks have also been assigned to field artillery units of 75 mm. guns to replace the draft animals hitherto in use.
7. The greater part of the anti-aircraft artillery of the Gjinokaster Division is posted on the heights north of that town, and a smaller part at the fortress at Gjinokaster. It is composed of four 37 mm. guns and four 20 mm. guns.
8. Recently a company of engineers has been moved from Gjinokaster to Gjorgucat in order to construct fortifications in that area. Workmen and masons are already assembled there for this purpose.
9. Six Russian officers, headed by a lieutenant colonel, are reportedly staying in Gjinokaster. On 17 and 18 April 1949 three of them, accompanied by Albanian officers, inspected the front line sectors on the border between Kakavje and Setiran.

indicates these units belong to 3 Division.

para. 2, reports the formation of a DMP regiment at Elbasan; these two reports, however, need not necessarily be mutually exclusive.

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